



CRF Capabilities

Forged from our rich coastal and riverine heritage, the Coastal Riverine Force (CRF) regained prominence following the USS COLE and 9/11 attacks and is the only Navy Force that defends designated high value assets against a determined enemy and, when ordered conducts offensive combat operations to dominate the littorals and reinforce the blue water.

Operates in harbors, rivers, bays,
across the littorals and ashore.

Conducts maritime security operations across all phases of military operations

Defends high value assets, critical maritime infrastructures

Able to operate in the green water to shore areas in conjunction with Amphibious Readiness Groups

Operates ashore in support of ground operations

Comprised of both Active and Reserve Components



Adaptive, Responsive and Expeditionary

CRF at a Glance

In response to the Defense Strategy for the 21st Century, Coastal Riverine Force (CRF) was created in 2012 by merging Navy Riverine Force and the Maritime Expeditionary Security Force.



2,888
RESERVE

2 Groups

CRF consists of two headquarters staffs, Coastal Riverine Group (CORIVGRU) 1 in San Diego (Navy Outlying Landing Field, Imperial Beach) and CORIVGRU 2 in Virginia Beach (Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story). CORIVGRU's primary mission is to man, train, and equip subordinate forces for tasking as assigned in the required operational capability and projected operating environment.

2 Expeditionary Security Detachments

In order to provide fleet commanders with a persistent presence of Embarked Security Teams, the CRF forward deploys two expeditionary detachments. The detachments are assigned under the CORIVGRU and are forward deployed to Guam and Bahrain.

7 Squadrons

The Coastal Riverine Squadron (CORIVRON) is responsible for maintaining unit-level readiness of its assigned companies to include the requirement to train individuals.

2,019
ACTIVE

31 Companies

Companies are deployable, self-sustaining units that may operate independently or in coordination with other forces. Each company is tasked with specific missions such as port security/high value asset (HVA) escort, embarked security teams (EST), Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) support, and riverine operations.